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## Official Ski Bulletin Northfield Invites

In the official Ski Bulletin of the Pioneer Valley Association just issued it is announced that 19 towns are offering winter sports, specializing on skiing. East Northfield and Northfield are listed with the center of activities at the Northfield hotel, where there is also provided, skating, snow-shoeing, sleighing and woodland walks. Five trails are available here for the novice and expert on skis. In the language of those who know, we print the portion of the bulletin in that concerns us:

Northfield Trail—loc. near the Northfield Hotel, East Northfield. A 2 mi. long hill; class, novice. Ober's Old Stage Coach Road Trail—len. 1 mi.; M. G. 10°; V. D. 500°; 6° snow; class, novice. Sunset Touring Trail—loc. Garnet Rock, Old Orchard; len. 2 mi.; Wid. 20°-40°; M. G. 12°; V. D. 800°; Exp. W; 4° snow; class, novice-intermediate. Touring Trail—loc. east of orange dot; len. 3 mi.; Wid. 20°-60°; M. G. 25°; V. D. 500°; Exp. W; 4° snow. Big Birch Trail—Near the Northfield Hotel, len. 5 mi.; Wid. 20°-80°; M. G. 30°; V. D. 600°; Exp. W; 6° snow; class, last 7 mi. expert. Golf course is suitable for novice, at hotel. The toboggan chute at the hotel has been erected.

New Ski Bikes provide entertainment for all ages, and you may skate and toboggan right on the grounds. Instructions and equipment are available at this resort hotel. Trains are met. Follow route 63 if you drive, from Northampton.

There are several excellent ski slopes and towns within a 35 mile radius of East Northfield.

The 19 towns classified are all in western Massachusetts. So here's to the sport lover. "The north wind shall blow and we shall have snow."

## G. O. P. Club Women Hear Gov. Bradford

Women leaders in the ranks of the Republican party from the four counties of western Massachusetts gathered at the Mansion House in Greenfield last Saturday afternoon for a luncheon and to hear a message from Governor Robert F. Bradford. The women were members of the County Women's organizations, who held the gathering in Franklin county with the Franklin county club as the sponsor. Mrs. Merrill Torrey of Northampton presided and introduced the speakers. Mrs. Madeline Nichols, president of the Franklin County Club welcomed those attending and at the close presided at the election of women in the Franklin County Club. All the well known politicians and office holders were in attendance, with number reaching about 150 persons at the luncheon.

3 SHOPPING WEEKS LEFT



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## Brief Directory Ridge Summer Homes

The problem of finding people and locations on the Ridge has been a difficult one for strangers and the public. Here is a brief directory and it will be shown at the entrance to the area. The number is the lot number and owners of cottages will display it on their homes. Save this list for reference as we are reprinting it by request:

For Rustic Ridge the numbers and name will be as follows:  
1. Anderson; 2. Bollman; 3. Schmadeke; 5. Hostel; 6. Brown; 8. Curtis; 10. Chamberlain.  
11. Huber; 13. Page; 14. Wasser; 15. Thompson; 16. Holloway; 17. Hale; 18. Simar; 20. Aylesworth.  
22. La. Hommedieu; 23. McIntire; 24. Doremus; 25. Harris; 26. Wooster; 27. Erb; 29. Moody; 30. Card.  
32. Jackson; 33. Lippincott; 35. Townsend; 36. Scholten; 37. Grille; 38. Warden; 40. Bollermann.  
41. Cregar; 43. Lane; 44. Berger; 45. Hann; 46. MacLeod; 47. Ray; 49. Broadhead; 50. Ropes.  
53. Hinds; 55. Atkins.  
61. Ohlandt; 62. Stearns; 63. Barnes.  
77. Des Jardins; 78. Cooper; 79. Chesbro; 80. Johnson.  
82. Jenkins; 84. Peacock.

Numbers now given to cottages by the foregoing plan should be displayed where it can readily be seen.

There are seven roads running North and South on the Ridge, all entering North Lane, a town road. Names of the roads from bottom to top are West Lane; Woodruff Way, town road; East Lane; Pine Road; Glen Road; Heath Lane and Cliff Road.

In Pine Grove, the owners and numbers are:  
1. Peck; 4. Wright; 5. Heydenreich; 6. Cowles; 8. Ridlon; 13. Kidd; 15. Duncan; 16. Marston; 19. Babbitt; 20. McKnight; 21. Willard; 26. Washburn; 28. Jones; 31. Roe; 33. Harmon; 41. Voorhes.

In South Addition, numbers and names are:  
A. Cregar; G. Strippel; D. Chapin; K. Elkins.

In the late of Mountain Park and Highlands sectors, the name of the cottage, with owner will be given and will be published soon in this series.

## Valley Bible Meeting

As contained in the Press of the last issue, the Connecticut Valley Bible Conference will meet in Northfield at the Congregational Church on Monday, December 1. The sessions will be at 10:30 in the morning; and at 1:45 in the afternoon. There will be a basket lunch at noon. The speakers of the afternoon will be Rev. Albert E. Parker, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Troy, New York, and Rev. Norman Grubb, D. D., of England. A large attendance of church folks is being hoped for.

## Winter on West Coast

Mr. and Mrs. Gaylord W. Douglass, of Highland Ave., left by the American Airline plane last Monday for California, where they arrived last Tuesday, to spend the next four months on the Pacific coast, locating in Santa Barbara, California. Later on they plan a visit to San Francisco and to Seattle before returning to Northfield early in April. Should there be any gatherings of Hermon Alumni arranged while Mr. Douglass is in the area, it will be his pleasure to represent the Northfield Schools in a presentation of School interests.

## Mail Packages Early Also Xmas Cards

Both Postmasters, Merritt C. Skilton of East Northfield and Lawrence Quinlan of Northfield are appealing to all patrons of their offices to do their Christmas mailing of packages and cards early. It is expected that the mailing this year end will be heavy and post-offices look for a record business. The postoffices will have serious problems with uncertain weather conditions, the shortage of trained personnel and the fact that leading stores in all the larger cities have started their Christmas business early and are already using the mail for shipments. Priority of the mail is given to business and personal correspondence classified as first class and with air mail becoming popular the amount is larger which needs attention.

Packages and cards will be hurried through but they may suffer delays in congestion. So mail your packages and cards as early as possible and thus co-operate with the Post Office department.

## Historical Society Calls Annual Meeting

Miss Elsie Scott, president of the Northfield Historical Society has issued the call for the annual meeting, which will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. Percy Goodspeed on Main Street, Tuesday evening, December 2nd, at 7:30 o'clock. Important business will be transacted and after following the election of officers. For the program each member attending will offer a brief historical fact that they consider of real value and of interest to others. The historical statement may be in connection with some article or object connected with Northfield. It is expected that the meeting will be largely attended.

## Oranges Coming Through

From the extensive groves of Spurgeon Gage, and his neighbors in Orlando, Florida, will soon come the shipments of oranges and grapefruit ordered by friends in Northfield and vicinity. Mr. Gage, a former resident of this town and now a summer resident went to Florida after his retirement as a member of the faculty of Mount Hermon School and began the growing of oranges. He has added to his acres and each year receives an increasing business. His fruit is picked for immediate shipment and as orders are received they leave Orlando by express for their destination. His charges are reasonable compared with other advertised prices and if you have read his ad in the Press you had better send in your order as soon as possible. The baskets of fruit are always received in good condition and are most attractive with leaves and moss.

## We Can Give Thanks

"We thank thee, then O Father, For all things bright and good The seedtime and the harvest, Our life, our health, our food: No gifts have we to offer For all Thy love imparts, But that which Thou desirest, Our humble thankful hearts."

So runs the good old hymn, and we can only say in all humility, Amen. When we think of all the suffering and the misery and hunger in other parts of the world we ought to be thankful that we not only have plenty, but are in a position to help the needy in other countries.

## Take The Seal Road



## Dr. Robert E. Speer Passes In Death

Dr. Robert Elliott Speer of Lakeville, Conn., died Sunday night, November 23rd, after a brief illness at the Bryn Mawr hospital, near Philadelphia. He was the secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church and served in that position for 46 years. He was a native of Huntington, Pa., and was 90 years of age. He was the first layman ever elected as moderator of the Presbyterian Church Council and served in 1937. He had served as a former president of the Board of Christian Churches and was a member of the Trustees of the Northfield Schools.

He received the honorary degree of doctor of divinity from Edinburgh University, after attending Phillips Academy at Andover, and Princeton University. While secretary of the Mission Board from 1931 to the time of his retirement in 1937 he had visited all of the missionary stations of the church.

He was the father of Elliott Speer, at one time President of the Northfield Schools and Headmaster of Mount Hermon School, whose tragic death in 1934 has never been solved.

He is survived by his widow, the former Emma Doll Bailey of Harrisburg, Pa., and three children, Margaret Speer, headmaster of the Shipley school, Bryn Mawr; William Speer, director of admissions at Rutgers University and Mrs. Robert F. Barbour of Bristol, England.

## A New Physician

Dr. Mira B. Wilson, principal of the Northfield School for Girls, announces the appointment of Dr. Grace E. Wilder of East Bridge-water, Mass., as the new school doctor. She was educated at Colby College and Johns Hopkins Medical School and previously served at the Essex Sanatorium, Smith College Infirmary and Florida State University.

## Shortage Is Acute Many Homes Wanted

Not within the memory of the oldest inhabitants of this town, has there been so great a shortage of homes, either for rent or for the purchase as exists at this time. Practically every place available has been taken and there is very little for sale at prices in the "lower brackets." There are several desirable lot locations being offered but the difficulties of building preclude their purchase. The local real estate agent reports that there is a waiting list of about twenty who must find homes soon. There is also a demand for the higher priced houses, but none are available. Last week a retired business man checked up here on the availability of a \$15,000 house but could find none. A request for a house and lot costing about \$7,000 came from Princeton, N. J. but there is none. Some young folks impatient in the hope of getting a residence in Northfield are going elsewhere to outlying districts and making a start with building a few rooms. There is little to encourage the homeseeker in the present situation.

## Concludes Purchase Of McRoberts House

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Keith Jacobus, formerly of New York City, who came to Northfield about a year ago, to be associated with Mr. and Mrs. Gunsh in their undertakings have concluded the purchase of the house "Derry Boy" on Linden Ave. in Mountain Park from the estate of the late William J. and Catherine McRoberts and of which James McRoberts is the administrator. They will take possession immediately and plan its conversion into an all year round home. As soon as papers are passed they will move in and begin to make the improvements.

## A Poultry Conference

Poultry raisers in Northfield have been invited to a conference meeting to consider the poultry business at Guiding Star Grange Hall in Greenfield on Thursday morning, December 4th. County agent Stanley L. Bar will make the announcement and it will probably be an all day session. There will be short talks by Ellsworth Bell, Fred Jeffrey and Dr. C. C. Bliss, all of the University of Massachusetts. Donald Kendall of the Eastern States Farmers Exchange and Meade Summers of the Ralston Purina Co. will talk about the grain situation. All activities in the poultry field will be considered.

## Forty Years Wedded Are Given Reception

Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Johnson of Main Street were guests of their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Johnson at a dinner at Bloody Brook Inn at South Deerfield on Thursday evening of last week in honor of their fortieth wedding anniversary. When returning home they were surprised when neighbors and friends had taken possession of the house to extend their greetings and well wishes. Nearly a hundred guests were in attendance and spent a most enjoyable evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson were married in Brattleboro, Vt., Nov. 31, 1907 by Rev. George Lawson of the First Baptist Church. They came here in July 1908 and have resided in the same house since then. They have four children: Myron of Akron, Ohio, who was unable to be here; Mrs. Dorothy Young of West Springfield and Stanley and Katherine, both of this town.

Mr. Johnson is fire chief and a member of Harmony Lodge of Masons. Mrs. Johnson is a member of the Book Club and the Fortnightly. Both are active members of the Congregational Church and are members of the O. E. S.

Besides many cards they received a sum of money from the Firemen's association, an electric mixer from members of the O. E. S., table lamp from the Book Club, and two large bouquets of fall flowers in white vases from their neighbors.

## Red Cross Chapter Annual Meeting Friday

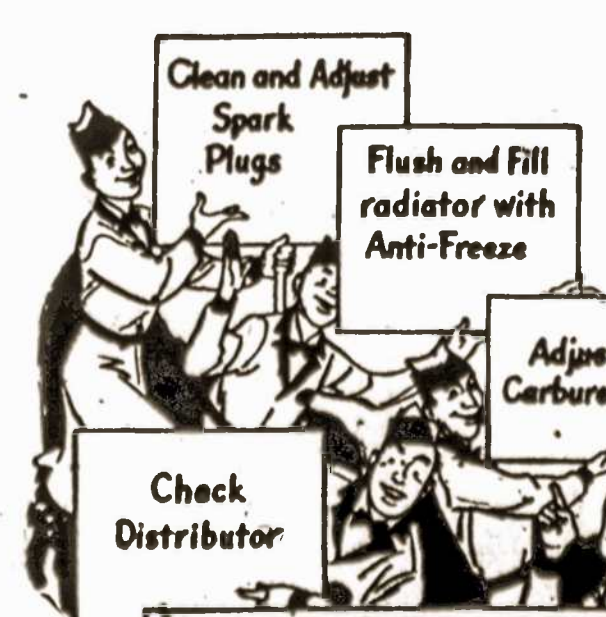
The annual meeting of the Franklin County American Red Cross Chapter will be held in the County Commissioners' Hearing room at the Court House in Greenfield Friday morning, November 28, at ten o'clock. Dr. Frank L. Boyden is chairman of the Board of Directors and Miss Eleanor W. Stevens is secretary. Reports will be given by the various departments and committees and there will be the annual election of officers. All members of the Red Cross organizations are invited to attend and they have the privilege of voting. A Gordon Moody and William F. Hoehn of this town, who are members of the Board are expected to be in attendance.

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### Town Topics

Patrons of the Woodstock Inn at Woodstock, Vermont from Northfield and especially many summer residents will be interested to learn that the Inn has passed into new ownership and will be hereafter conducted on a year round basis. Members of the Beach family of Basin Harbor, Vermont, are the new owners.

A sewing meeting of the Evening Auxiliary will be held this Friday evening at the home of Mrs. Roy Barrows on Winchester road.

There will be a silver coffee, sponsored by the Women's Guild of

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the Congregational Church at the home of Mrs. J. Austin Daly on Highland Ave. Tuesday morning from 10 to 11:30 o'clock. There will be on display on a table many attractive gifts for the Christmas season.

The new building committee of the Congregational Church will soon issue an attractive brochure, containing pictures and plans for the proposed church structure. It is proposed to use the same in soliciting gifts for the fund.

The next regular meeting of the Friendly class of the Congregational Church will be on Monday, December 15 with a Christmas program at "Kenholme" on Highland Ave., with Mrs. Stella Hart.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard W. Barrows are enjoying their residence in Brattleboro and their home is located at 90 Prospect Street. Mr. Barrows is with Goodnow, Pearson and Hunt.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Powell spent last week with Mr. and Mrs. Russell Durgin at their home in New Haven, Conn., and attended the Yale-Harvard football game on Saturday.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. John H. Fletcher of this town at the Franklin County hospital on Sunday, November 23. She is a grand-daughter of Mrs. Susan Eddy of East Northfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Deane of Brattleboro have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Norma Deane to Neil Churchill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Winston Churchill of South Vernon. No date has been set for the wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Hantunen of North Miami Beach, Florida, were visitors in East Northfield this week and calling upon friends.

Several photographs were taken of the last-chapter wedding at the Congregational Church last Saturday by Adrian Savage of Millers Falls. He has also recently taken photographs of groups at other local weddings.

Among guests who attended the Lord-Shearer wedding last Saturday was Fred Legate of Brattleboro, who is a great uncle of the bride and is more than 90 years old. He enjoyed the ceremony and was greeted by many in attendance.

Mrs. Mabel Bonney has closed her home off Winchester road and taken an apartment in Greenfield for the winter.

There will be a revived interest in the work of the Grange in New England since it has been learned that the National Grange will hold its 1948 convention in Maine and probably at Portland. The date will be selected by the National Grange executive committee. Every grange will have a difficulty in securing its delegates to attend.

There was a very impressive candlelight Memorial service at the United Congregational Church in Brattleboro, Conn., recently for those members who had died during the year. Rev. Dr. Howard Stone, Anderson, conducted the service. Among those remembered in the service were Ray C. Woodard of Brattleboro, who was a former resident of East Northfield.

Dwight Lyman of this town, who is an employee of the New England Tel. and Tel. Co., and who was injured in an automobile crash near Rutland, Vermont some two weeks ago is at the Springfield hospital for treatment. He underwent an operation and is gradually improving.

The Franklin County Shopping News, issued in tabloid form, from the plant of the Brown Printing Co., in Greenfield, has not been issued since October 30. Difficulties in publication and operation are said to be the cause of the suspension.

On November 25, Prof. Ernest R. Lacheman of Wellesley College spoke at the chapel service at Northfield School for Girls. Prof. Lacheman spent the summer at LeCollege, Cevenol, LeChambon, France, in which both Northfield and Wellesley are interested.

Donald Smith, of South Vernon, who is engaged in the radio business recently went to Chicago to take a special study course in a school there and last week his wife visited him to make a short stay.

A number of members of the Mosaic fraternity here attended the official visitation of deputy Grand Lodge officers of New Hampshire with Golden Rule Lodge of Hinsdale which was held last week.

It is reported from Amherst, through the office of the County Agricultural agent that tobacco buyers from several large companies are in that section to make their annual selection of stalk tobacco. It is said that good first rate tobacco is bringing from 70 to 80 cents a pound.

The hobby show of the No. 3 Community Club last Saturday

evening was a most interesting affair. All kinds of articles collected as a hobby were on display and it has been remarked that it should have been seen by all our people.

The publishers of the Farmers Almanac have written a note of appreciation for the article in the Press of a recent issue commenting on the Farmers Almanac for 1948. Everybody will want a copy and they are selling fast.

### Increasing Divorce Rate

#### Offers Serious Problem

The trend toward increasing divorce rates was evident throughout the United States last year, with some urban areas reporting nearly as many divorces as marriages, according to Encyclopaedia Britannica.

The United States, shaken by a rate of one divorce for every three marriages in 1945, resigned itself to the similar ratio in 1946. Some authorities predicted that another decade might see one divorce for every two marriages.

In Los Angeles, the number of divorce actions filed during the first half of 1946 exceeded the number of marriage licenses issued.

Comparing duration of marriages in Los Angeles county before divorce for the years 1933 and 1945, it was found that the average duration in 1933 was 9.3 years; in 1945 it was only 6.1 years.

However, despite the divorce specters and an unrelieved and acute housing shortage—so severe it was estimated that one-third of all newweds had to begin their marriages in the homes of relatives—the situation has its brighter side. More than one and a half million marriages took place in 1946.

### Revarnishing Floor Rules

Before revarnishing floors, be sure to remove the old, worn finish with paint remover and by careful scraping, so as not to mar the surface of the wood. If the old finish is shellac, it may be removed by softening it with denatured alcohol, followed by the use of steel wool, but in every case care should be used to see that any residue which is left after the use of the removing solvents be eliminated before applying a new coat of finish. If the floor is marred or stained, it will be worthwhile to have your painter sand it with a floor sanding machine, or if you are going to do the work yourself, you may be able to rent such a machine. Finally, the floor should be well wiped with a clean dry cloth to get rid of any dust particles. It then may be re-finished by the application of two thin coats of high grade floor varnish or shellac.

### Deer Stage Cornsack

Prior to the turn of the century, the prevalent population problem in deer was scarcity. Since that time, about a hundred herd of deer, varying in size from a small refuge to half a state, have pyramided their numbers to the point of presenting a problem. The deer problem on most western ranges is complicated by livestock problems and often by elk problems. Starvation occurs because the deer kill their natural food plants by overbrowsing. These are replaced by plants of little or no food value. Mild winters, artificial feeding and down tops from logging often postpone, but never prevent, the ultimate shrinkage of both the herd and its range.

### Drew Out the Poison

Old-fashioned cooks used to soak cucumber slices in salt water "to draw out the poison." Soaking in brine destroys their crisp crunchiness and kills a lot of their vitamins. The ancient Romans used cucumbers to promote beauty and love. Today's cucumber is more streamlined and stylish than it used to be. Plant scientists have been breeding it to get a longer and straighter fruit (yes, the cucumber is a fruit) which yields more uniform slices because the ends are less pointed.

### Uncle Sam Says



Any number of my young nephews today dream of banging the ball out of the park in a World Series. A big league baseball career is a fine future for any American boy, but so is a career as a lawyer, a doctor, an engineer or some other profession. The big leaguers among dads know that it costs money to give their sons the opportunity for a great career. By investing every pay day in United States Savings Bonds, any dad can give Junior a good start in life. Yes, Savings Bonds are in the big league class. Buy an extra Savings Bond today. U. S. Treasury Department

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The indicated savings rate of 12 billions for this year in the long-term savings category is about the same as in 1946. Last year the people as a whole added 11.3 billions to their "nest egg," the total rising from 140.4 billions at the end of 1945 to 151.7 billions a year later.

These accumulated long-term savings of individuals are distinct from currency and checking accounts and consist of U. S. Savings bonds after redemptions, net funds accumulated behind life insurance policies, savings accounts in mutual savings and commercial banks and in postal savings, and net savings and investments of individuals in

### CHURCH NOTES

#### TRINITARIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Rev. Joseph W. Reeves, Minister  
10:00 a. m. Church School—and Young People's Forum.

11:00 a. m. Worship Service, subject "Life is Like That" by the minister. Nursery for pre-school age.

7:00 p. m. Open meeting Young People's Forum. Special musical program with address by Chaplain Buchanan on "Why People Drink."

#### CHRISTMAS GIFT

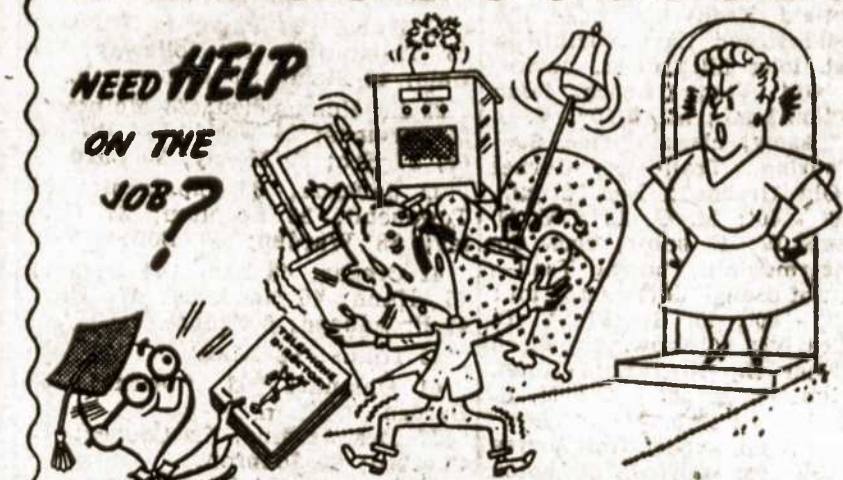
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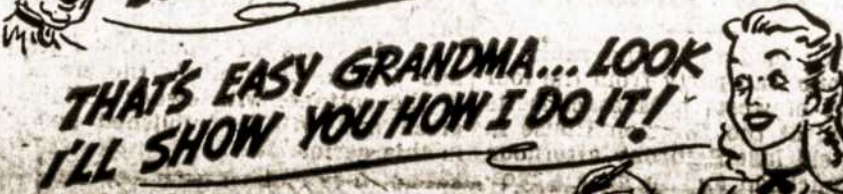


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## OBITUARY

## Edward L. Morse

Edward L. Morse of this town died Sunday, November 23, at the age of 76 years at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Lee Holloway on Birnam Road, after a long illness and failing health.

He was born in Charlton, March 14, 1871, the son of Charles and Eva (Johnson) Morse. He married Cora May Upham, May 1, 1897, and she died in October, 1911. He leaves a widow, the former Ida M. Aldrich; a son, Fred, of Winchester, N. H.; and two daughters, Alice, wife of Lee Holloway of this town, and Eva, wife of Erwin Bryant of Putney, Vt.; 15 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren. He was a member of the West Brattleboro Baptist Church and of the local Grange.

Funeral services were held at the O'Connor Funeral Home in Winchester, N. H., on Tuesday morning and burial was in the cemetery at Oxford.

## Secret City Built

"Company town" is a designation that generally brings up unpleasant associations. Visions of drabness are conjured, however, in the case of the 96 million dollar community known as Oak Ridge, Tenn., which jumped from nothing at the beginning of 1943 to a peak population of 75,000 in 1945, and now, with around 30,000 employed in the atomic energy plant, has between 40,000 and 50,000 inhabitants. It is hard to believe that so large a community could have come into existence so secretly. The name helped; the site was known as Black Oak Ridge, and the rural suggestion is credited with keeping down outside curiosity.

## Small Shellfish Utilized

## In Experiments on Hemp

At the department of agriculture's plant industry station men who study hemp, a plant used for its fiber, find it desirable to make "biological assays" as well as tests of the fiber, as this plant contains in its juice a narcotic they would rather reduce than increase or leave as it is. They make the tests, the "biological assays," by means of extremely small shellfish (crustaceans) called daphnias, which the casual observer, if he had a good eye, might liken to miniature shrimps. In this small size, these test animals come fully equipped with alimentary canal, heart, egg sac, liver, eyes, shell gland, and other part too numerous to mention. The fiber scientists working on hemp improvement say the big little daphnias have many advantages for the testing work; many can be used in a small space; and they live almost a third as long as a mouse—that is they live two months. Other points are: They can be reared in tanks at room temperature; their culture medium is ordinary water that is just slightly alkaline; they feed on bacteria; and after the first brood, they bear every two or three days all the life span, and an individual may have as many as 400 little daphnias. If there is ample food and the temperature is kept just right (never above 80 degrees F. but may be quite cold), the females will produce offspring without need of fertilization of the eggs—that is parthenogenesis—a not uncommon shortcut among the cold crustaceans and insensible insects. And that is just what the experimenters want in order to note the effects of small differences in the juices of the hemp plants they are breeding.

## FOR THESE BLESSINGS—1947

By COLLIER



## Girl School Students Will Save on Food

Students at Northfield School for Girls have decided to co-operate in the food conservation program by curtailing drastically one of their most cherished customs—the Thanksgiving eve feast. On this occasion each year parents are allowed to send almost unlimited quantities and varieties of food and the result has always been an abundance of homemade cakes and pies, roast chickens and other delicacies which were eaten and shared on Thanksgiving eve. On their own initiative the girls voted to confine their feasting this year to the regular Thanksgiving dinner served by the school.

## Garden Club Plans A Christmas Party

Next Monday evening, December 1st at 7:45 o'clock the Garden Club will hold its regular meeting at Alexander Hall. President Grove W. Deming will welcome the members and the program will be the traditional Christmas party so popular in the past. Members who attend are asked to bring a small potted plant which will be exchanged in an unusual way and which method will provide some mystery and interest. There will be some singing and the meeting will be a real Garden Party.

## Land of Chico Gum Also

## Raises Other Farm Crops

Third largest of the Central American republics, Guatemala lies wholly in the torrid zone covering an area of 42,353 square miles, slightly smaller than the state of Virginia. The 1940 census showed a population of 3,283,209 of which 66 per cent are Indians, speaking native dialects as well as Spanish. The foreign population numbers about 45,000. Spanish is the language of commerce although English is widely understood.

The temperature, dependent chiefly upon altitude, varies greatly. Most of the population lives at altitudes of from 3,000 to 8,000 feet where the climate is healthy, temperatures ranging from 45 degrees in December and January to 85 degrees in March and April. The coastal lands and northern region are low-lying, hot, humid and tropical, with a mean annual temperature of about 80 degrees. The pronounced rainy season runs from May to October; dry season, November to April.

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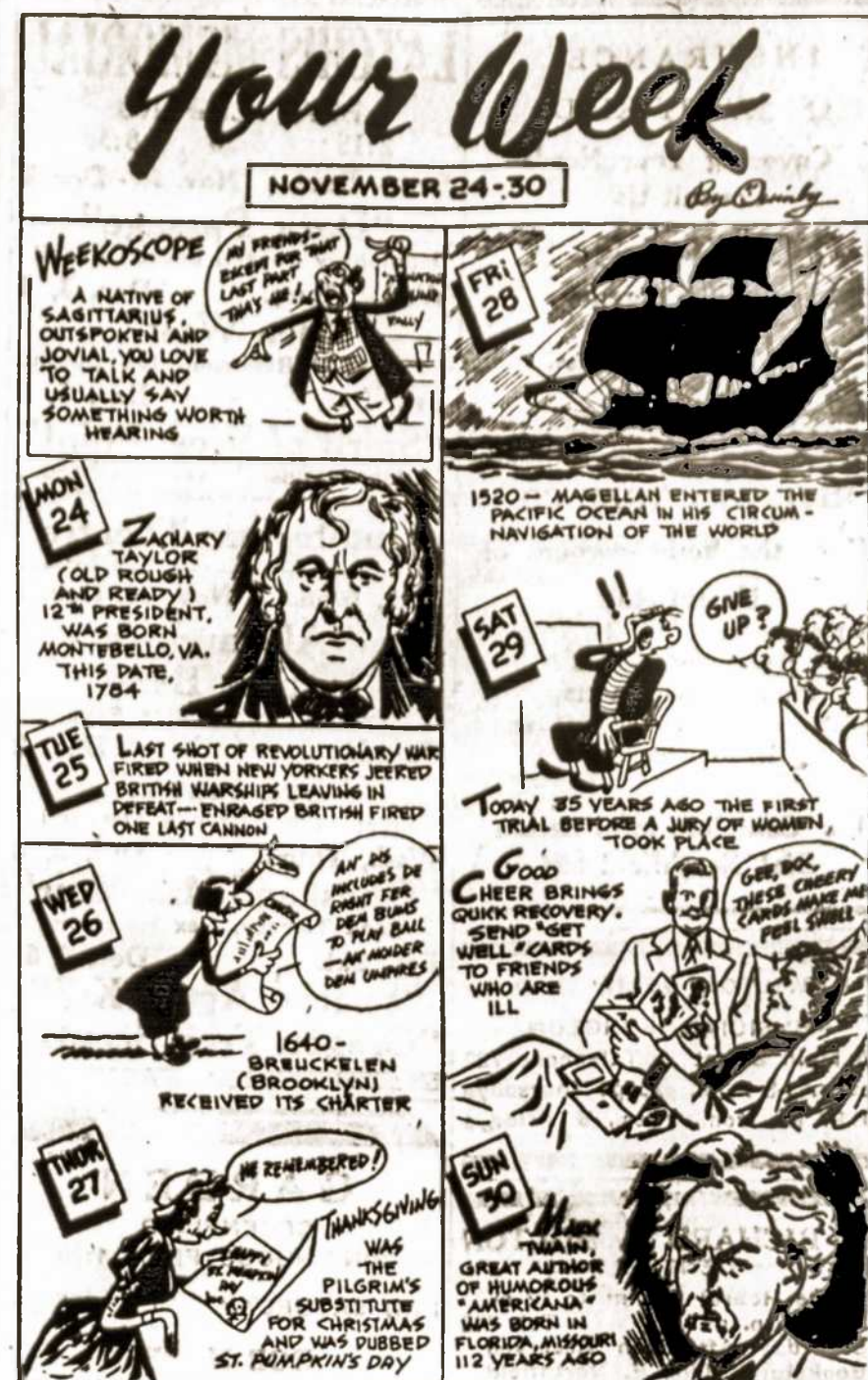
## Introducing Sugar Here

Columbus brought cane to the New World, and in a letter to Ferdinand and Isabella he expressed satisfaction at "the way a few small canes planted here have taken root." To the Spaniards, also belongs the credit for having developed cane production on a commercial scale in the West Indies. That first occurred in San Domingo, and although the Caribbean Indians were impressed into service in the fields, the enterprise was not an immediate success.

When slaves were introduced, and a cheap and docile supply of labor became available, the sugar plantations began to prosper. The success of the venture in San Domingo led to cultivation of cane in the other islands of the West Indies and on the mainland of South America. In all these places it flourished—perhaps, indeed it flourished too well, for it nourished the fester of slavery more than 150 years.

## Marble Building Material

Marble is any stone consisting essentially of carbonate of lime, or the carbonates of lime and magnesia, of such a nature, color and texture as to make it desirable for the higher grades of building, monumental or decorative work. The varying shades of gray and black colors of marble are the results of carbonaceous material; the yellow, brown and red colors, of iron oxides; and the green, of silicate minerals such as mica and talc. The veined and clouded effects result from the unequal distribution of the coloring constituents throughout the mass of stone and also through the presence of claylike matter. Frequently certain shapes may be recognized as fossils, for permanently cemented into the slab of marble are fossils that are millions of years old, indicating the marble was formed in some ancient sea bed. As a building material, marble is quite strong and durable. The strength of marble in pounds per square inch varies with the kind, but is between 6,000 and 12,000 pounds. It weighs between 165 and 175 pounds per cubic foot.



## New Drug Reported Aid

## To Surface Medication

The new drug, gramicidin, may be as important to surface medication as penicillin is to internal treatment, it is indicated in new research at University of California medical school. Success has been reported in the laboratory with a modified form of gramicidin in the control of bacteria which invade body surfaces. In its original form gramicidin proved too toxic for use, in that it destroyed red blood corpuscles. A further handicap was the difficulty of dissolving it in water.

A modification of gramicidin, soluble in water, weak enough to cause no toxicity and yet strong enough to kill bacteria, was devised.

To date there is no indication that gramicidin causes sensitization, that is, severe systematic reactions after repeated use. This characteristic may be an advantage over penicillin, which has been widely used for surface infections.

Penicillin does cause systematic sensitization, and its use in minor infections often has been questioned on the ground that it cannot be used later in serious conditions. Thus, the use of gramicidin derivatives for body surface infections probably will permit the reservation of penicillin for systematic use when it may save a life.

## Fortnightly Meeting

The next meeting of the Fortnightly will be held at Alexander Hall, Friday evening, December 5, at eight o'clock, and will precede the observance of "Gentlemen's Night," when an address will be delivered by Rev. Larman S. Sherwood of Rotterdam, New York, on the "Reflections of a Happy Man." The tea hostesses will be Mrs. James Gillespie, Mrs. Harold McLean, Mrs. Stephen Russell and Mrs. Richard K. Holbrook. It is expected that there will be a large attendance with the invitation to attend open to the men.

## Sunday Vesper Service Schools Speakers

An hour of Vesper Music will be given at Russell Sage Chapel at 4:30, Sunday afternoon. Those taking part will be Mrs. Albert Raymond, contralto soloist at the Second Congregational Church in Greenfield and Mr. Albert Raymond, baritone, director of Choral music at the Northfield Schools and the accompanist will be Mr. Carlton L'Hommiedieu, organist and head of the music department at Mount Hermon.

Sunday speakers at the Northfield Schools will be Dr. Howard L. Rubendall, Headmaster of Mt. Hermon School, in Russell Sage Chapel at 11 o'clock and Dr. John C. Schroeder, Yale Divinity School, New Haven, Conn., in Memorial Chapel at 10:30 o'clock.

## My Neighbors

By BILL PAULSON



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are mentioned in writings of 4,000  
years ago. In Exodus 30:23, Moses  
is instructed to use them in making  
anointing oil. The ancients used  
cinnamon in love potions and oint-  
ments apparently without recogniz-  
ing its virtue in flavoring. Nero,  
before Rome burned, is said to have  
drenched the city with cinnamon  
aroma, burning more at the funeral  
of his wife than could be imported  
in a year's trade. Traders bring-  
ing cinnamon to Rome and Venice  
by way of Arabia kept its price high  
with their stories of personal peril  
in collecting it. The recent war-  
time shortage prompted chemists to  
develop a synthetic cinnamon taste  
from waste oat hulls. It also  
brought limited shipments of cas-  
sia bark from Mexico, and stimu-  
lated small-scale cassia cultiva-  
tion in South American areas. Cas-  
sia oil, pungent and acid, is steam-  
pressed from cassia twigs and  
leaves, and finds use in medicine,  
perfumery and condiments. The  
cassia buds, the dried immature  
fruit of the tree, add an exotic touch  
to bottled sweet pickles.

**Air Fatalities Reduced**  
Twice as many persons traveled  
by air last year than in the previous  
year, but the percentage of fatali-  
ties among air lines passengers was  
reduced, according to Encyclope-  
dia Britannica. The airlines carried  
a total of 13,819,000 passengers dur-  
ing 1946—almost double the number  
carried in 1945. Fatalities per 100  
million passenger miles down on  
domestic and international routes  
were reduced from 2.31 in 1945 to  
1.47 in 1946. During 1946, the pas-  
senger miles flown totaled 7,258,  
000,000, an increase of six million  
passenger miles over the 1945 fig-  
ure. For the first time, passengers  
on international routes of U. S. flag  
carriers passed the one million  
mark. The interest in personal fly-  
ing and flight training was reflected  
in the fact that the number of regis-  
tered aircraft more than doubled,  
from 37,789 at the end of 1945, to  
85,000 at the end of 1946. During the  
year, the number of certificates  
issued to pilots of private, commer-  
cial and transport planes increased  
from 296,895 to 400,000.

**New Electrical Helpers**  
Research in development of new  
electrical choring aids for farmers  
is a continuing program partici-  
pated in by the department of agri-  
culture and the various state agri-  
cultural colleges, power suppliers  
and manufacturers. Out of their  
laboratories have come scores of  
products to help the farmer cut his  
operating costs, save him time and  
energy and help raise his standard  
of living. Still in the testing stage  
are the following types of electrical  
equipment: A device to automati-  
cally clean barn gutters and elevate  
the manure from the barn into a  
waiting spreader; bactericidal  
lights to reduce the mortality rate  
among farm stock, particularly  
poultry; rubber-fingered poultry  
pickers, and a machine to remove  
ensilage from the silo.

**Large-Mouth Bass**  
Fishermen generally agree that  
the large-mouth is about the most  
pugnacious of fresh water fish.  
Some individuals are more pugnac-  
ious than others. They are the  
largest relatives of the sunfish and  
are native Americans. The Chippe-  
was knew them as "Ah-the-gum."  
Originally they were found in the  
United States east of the Rockies  
and south of New England. Today  
they have been planted in many  
parts of the world, for they adapt  
readily to almost any environment,  
even brackish water.



## Soft Corn Requires Special Attention Several Methods Given For Profitable Feeding

Saving soft corn will be a prob-  
lem facing many farmers this year.  
Much of the crop  
went in so late that  
it just became a fac-  
tor in maturity, as  
well as in winter  
handling of the corn.  
Next to chopping  
and feeding green,  
one of the best ways  
to get full value  
from soft corn is to  
put immature crops  
in the silo or pasture them off with  
cattle, hogs or sheep, Capper's  
Farmer points out.

Another method used by many  
growers in the last big soft corn  
year, 1945, was to build emergency  
cribs five to six feet wide. The  
farmers set two rows of poles in the  
ground, wired the tops together to  
keep the cribs from spreading, and  
fastened woven wire or slat crib-  
bing on the inside of the posts. These  
cribs, built in east and west direc-  
tions, took best advantage of pre-  
vailing winds.

Farmers in many northern areas,  
where corn is likely to be caught  
by frost before it is mature, regu-  
larly cut up large quantities and  
cure it as fodder. Ears later are  
hauled by hand or with a shredder.  
Most hybrid corns are stiff stalked  
and have a good root system. They  
will stand with few fallen ears well  
into the winter. Since ears will  
dry with less spoilage on a stand-  
ing stalk, many farmers prefer to  
let hogs, cattle or sheep harvest the  
crop.

## KNOW YOUR BREED Morgan Horse By W. J. DRYDEN

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saddle horse. The breed is being  
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to 15.2 hands, with 15 hands being  
given preference.

## Herds and Flocks

Fall pigs should be kept gaining  
from the start. If they stop gaining  
it is harder to get them started  
again, and it takes more feed. Don't  
let them lose their milk fat.

Keep weeds cut under your elec-  
tric fence, to pre-  
vent vent grounding.

Set the posts at an angle and you  
can keep the weeds cut with the  
mowing machine.

Flush ewes before the breeding  
season—that is, feed them gener-  
ously so they will be gaining at breed-  
ing time. Changing from scant to  
good pasture, or feeding some grain,  
will put the ewes in better condi-  
tion. Flushing results in more cer-  
tain breeding.

Cows due to freshen in late fall  
should be dried off and given eight  
weeks of vacation to get ready for  
the blessed event. During this rest  
period, feed a fitting ration to keep  
the cow in good flesh and help de-  
velop the calf.

## Some New Weed Killers Give Excellent Results

New weed killers to supplement  
2,4-D are appearing with good re-  
ports. Quack grass and crab grass  
are two weed pests which 2,4-D does  
not control. IPC was developed in  
England during the war and now  
is giving good results in the control  
of quack grass, clover and seed-  
lings, in tests conducted by the U. S.  
department of agriculture. It is  
harmless to persons and to some  
broadleaf plants.

## WEDDINGS

### Hammond - Harriman

A wedding of interest to many  
friends here took place in North-  
ampton on Sunday, November 23,  
when Miss Joyce Garda Harriman,  
daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest  
C. Harriman of Columbus, Ohio,  
became the bride of Ralph Doug-  
las Hammond, son of Mr. and Mrs.  
Murray Hammond of this town, in  
a single ring service at the parson-  
age of the Congregational Church,  
with the minister, Rev. Paul T.  
McClurkin, officiating.

The couple was attended by Mr.  
and Mrs. Nelson Barstow of  
Hockanum. Mrs. Barstow is the  
bride's cousin.

Following the wedding a recep-  
tion for the newly married couple  
was given at the home of the  
bride's aunt, Mrs. Gladys Ship-  
man at Hockanum. The bride wore  
a tan suit with a corsage of white  
roses, and the matron of honor  
wore a blue suit with a corsage of  
yellow roses.

Upon their return from a wed-  
ding trip to Ohio, Mr. and Mrs.  
Hammond will make their home at  
395 Bridge street, Northampton.

Mrs. Hammond attended North-  
ampton schools and Berea college  
at Berea, Ky. She received her  
master's degree from Ohio State  
University. Mr. Hammond graduat-  
ed from Greenfield schools and  
served for four years in the Army  
Air Forces. He served several  
months in the Pacific area.

### Lord - Shearer

Miss Charlotte Louise Shearer,  
daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rollin E.  
Shearer of this town, and Edward  
Harold Lord, son of Edward B.  
Lord of Northampton, and the late  
Mrs. Lord, were married in the  
Northfield Congregational Church,  
Saturday afternoon, November 22,  
by the minister, Rev. Joseph W.  
Reeves, officiating in a double  
ring service. The church was de-  
corated with white and pink chry-  
santheums and was filled to  
capacity with the many friends of  
both the bride and groom.

Mrs. Kenneth Miller, sister of  
the bride, was matron of honor,  
and James Spaulding, cousin of  
the bridegroom, best man. The  
bride was given in marriage by  
her father, Rollin E. Shearer. Us-  
hers were Stanley Smolen, Richard  
Reeves, Charles Olds and Neil  
Sutherland.

The bride wore a surprise style  
pink jersey gown and pink feather-  
ed hat with facial veil. She carried  
white roses.

The matron of honor wore a  
floor length aqua-colored crepe  
gown and carried pink roses. She  
wore a tiara of pink roses in her  
hair.

The reception was in the vestry  
of the church. In the receiving line  
were the bride and bridegroom,  
matron of honor, best man, Mr.  
and Mrs. Shearer, Mrs. Clarence  
Spaulding, aunt of the bridegroom,  
and Edward Lord, Mrs. Shearer  
and Mrs. Spaulding wore corsages  
of gardenias.

The vestry was decorated with  
pink and white chrysantheums.  
On the table with four-tiered wed-  
ding cake was a centerpiece of  
flowers and tall candles.

Miss Barbara Browning had  
charge of the guest book. Mrs.  
James Browning and Mrs. Joseph  
Reeves poured.

Mrs. Frank Montague acted as  
hostess, assisted by Mrs. Bertha  
Leach, Mrs. Grace McMurdy, Miss  
Elizabeth Browning, Miss Doris  
Doolittle, Miss Beverly McCullum,  
Miss Joyce Silwa, and Miss Dor-  
othy Allen.

The couple left on an unan-  
nounced trip and will be at home  
after Dec. 6 at 198 Main street, East  
Northfield. For traveling the bride  
wore a brown taffeta dress, brown  
fleece coat and accessories to  
match.

Mrs. Lord is a graduate of the  
local high school and attended  
Brattleboro Business Institute. She  
owns and operates the Northfield  
Coffee Shop. Mr. Lord attended  
schools in Winchester, N. H., and  
Northampton. He is a radio techni-  
cian, employed at the Northfield  
hotel.

## Norfolk Island a Haven For Bounty Crew Clan

No income tax, property tax or  
housing problem! Food plentiful and  
cheap! Eternal spring and soft sea  
breezes! These are attributes of  
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Bountifully provided for by nature,  
this haven is for descendants of the  
mutineers of the British sloop-of-  
war "Bounty" and their Tahitian  
wives. It is closed to settlement by  
outsiders.

A little more than 900 miles east  
northeast of Sydney, Australia, Nor-  
folk Island is about six miles long  
and three miles wide. It is walled  
with cliffs rising to 800 feet.

The island had been a British  
penal colony before the "Bounty-  
neers" were brought there in 1856  
from their overpopulated Pitcairn  
island home.

Less than a thousand people dwell  
on the sub-tropical isle. Quintal,  
Christian, Nobbs and Buffet are the  
most common family names—all  
names from the crew of the Boun-  
ty, except for Nobbs, who joined the  
Pitcairn colony later.

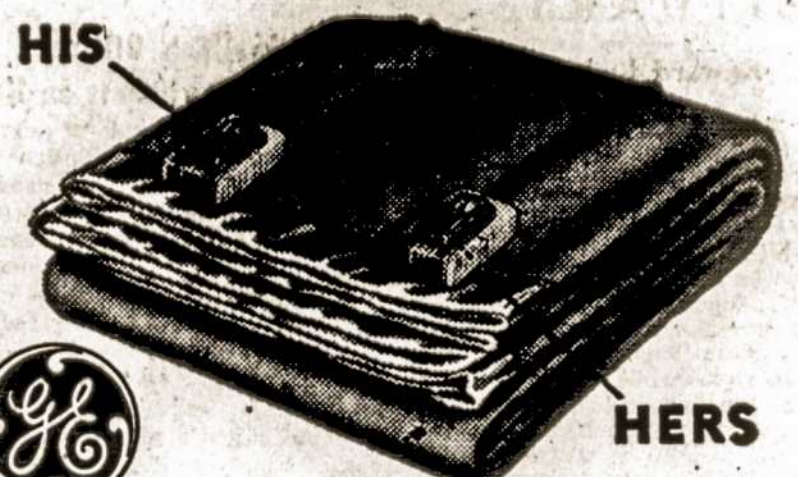
Horses, cattle, sheep, pigs and  
chickens fend for themselves. Sea-  
birds provide the islanders with  
plenty of eggs. Coconuts, peaches,  
lemons, grapes and guavas grow  
wild. Native pine provides housing  
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